A

FORM
OF
PRAYER,

To be used on

Friday the Eleventh of *April*;

BEING

The Fast-day

Appointed by the

KINGS PROCLAMATION,

To seek Reconciliation with Almighty God, and to implore him, that he would Infatuate, and Defeat the Councels of the Papists our Enemies; Continue his Mercies, and the Light of his Gospel to us, and our posterity; and bestow his abundant Blessings upon His sacred Majesty, and this present Parliament.

By his Majesties special Command.

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Die Martis, 25° Martii. 1679.

RESolved, *nemine contradicente*, by the Lords Spiritual, and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled; That they do declare, that they are fully satisfied by the proofs they have heard, that there now is, and for divers years last past hath been a Horrid, and Treasonable Plot, and Conspiracy, contrived, and carried on by those of the Popish Religion, for the Murdering of his Majesties sacred Person, and for subverting the Protestant Religion, and the ancient, and established Government of this Kingdom.

Jo. Browne Cleric' Parliamentor'.

¶ The Service shall be the same in all things with the Office appointed to be used upon *Friday* in every Week, if it be Holiday: Except where it is after herein otherwise directed.

¶ He that Ministreth, shall begin with these Sentences, Joel II. 13. Dan. IX. 9, 10. Jer. XIV. 22.

Morning PRAYER.

¶ Instead of *Venite, Exultemus*, shall this Psalm following be used; one Verse by the Minister, and another by the Clerk and People.

HEar my prayer, O God: and hide not thy self from my petition. Psal. LV. 1.

Take heed unto me, and hear me: how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed. 2.

The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast: for they are minded to do me some mischief, so maliciously are they set against me. 3.

O deliver me from the wicked doers: and save me from the bloud-thirsty men. Psal. LIX. 2.

Hide me from the gathering together of the froward: and from the insurrection of wicked doers. Psal. LXIV. 2.

For lo, they lie waiting for my soul: the mighty men are gathered against me without any offence or fault of me, O Lord. Psal. LIX. 3.

They encourage themselves in mischief: and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares, and say, that no man shall see them. Psal. LXIV. 5.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him, flee before him. Psal. LXVIII. 1.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at 2.

the live, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

Psal. LXX. 2. Let them be ashamed and confounded, that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward and put to confusion, that wish me evil.

Psal. LIX. 13. **Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish: and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.**

Psal. LXXIX. 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins for thy Names sake.

Psal. LXXXVI. 5 **For thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.**

Psal. LIV. 4. Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

Psal. LXXXVI. 17. **Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.**

Psal. LXI. 6. Thou shalt grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7. **He shall dwell before God for ever: O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.**

Psal. LXXIX. 14. So we that are thy people and sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever: and will alway be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Proper Psalms. LI. XXXII. LXXXIII. XX.

The First Lesson. Isaiah I.

The Second Lesson. Luc. XIII. or Acts XXIII.

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¶ Instead of the Collect for the Day, shall be used this, which followeth, both in Morning, and Evening Prayer, and in the Communion-Service.

ALmighty God, who of thy great Mercy toward us hast discovered the Designs, and disappointed the Attempts of those Popish Conspirators, who under the pretence of Religion, and thy most holy Name, had contrived our Destruction, and labour'd by the most unjustifiable Methods of Treason, and Murther, and the Assassination of his Majesties Sacred Person, to introduce the Tyranny of a foreign power, and the Abomination of Superstitious Worship, and thereby to enslave both the bodies and souls of thy servants, and to extinguish the blessed light of thy holy Gospel amongst us: We yield thee praise, and thanks for this thine infinite goodness to us; imploring thy Grace and Favour in the further Discovery of these depths of Satan, this mystery of iniquity. Send forth thy Light, and thy Truth, and let them preserve us. Protect, and defend our Sovereign Lord the King. Bind up his soul in the bundle of life, and let no Weapon form'd against him prosper. Cloath all his enemies with shame; but upon himself, and his Posterity let the Crown ever flourish. To this end Bless the present Parliament now Assembled, and knit together the hearts of this whole Nation, as the heart of one man, in the defence of our King, our Laws, and our Religion. Teach us to know, at least in this our Day, the things which belong to our peace, and let them not be hid from our Eyes. Remove from among us the Accursed Thing; those personal, and those publick Guilts, the cry whereof is gone up to Heaven, and calls aloud for Vengeance. And grant, that being by true repentance reconcil'd to thee our God, we may also be united by Christian Love, and Charity to one another: So that we walking in the paths of thy holy Law,

Law, thou maist continue the Blessing thereof to us, and our posterity, and we All may continue to give thee Thanks for ever, and shew forth thy praise from Generation to Generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the end of the Litany, after the Collect [*We humbly beseech thee, O Father, &c.*] shall be read in this Order, The Collect for *Ash-wednesday*, The Three Collects in the Gommination, The Collect for the XXI. Sunday after Trinity, The Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, and this which followeth,

For Deliverance from the Papists our Enemies;

Taken out of the Office for the Fifth of *November*.

ALmighty God, who hast in all ages shewed thy Power and Mercy in the miraculous and gracious deliverances of thy Church, and in the Protection of righteous and religious Kings and States, professing thy holy and eternal Truth, from the wicked Conspiracies, and malicious practices of all the enemies thereof; Be thou still our mighty Protector, and scatter our enemies that delight in Blood: Infatuate and defeat their Counsels, abate their Pride, asswage their Malice, and confound their Devices: Strengthen the hands of our gracious King CHARLES, and all that are put in Authority under him, with Judgment and Justice, to cut off all such workers of Iniquity, as turn Religion into Rebellion, and Faith into Faction; that they may never prevail against us, or triumph in the ruine of thy Church among us: But that our gracious Sovereign and his Realms being preserved in thy true Religion, and by thy merciful goodness protected in the same, we may all duly serve thee, and give thee thanks in thy holy Congregation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Prayer of S. *Chrysostom*.

At

At the Communion-Service.

The Epiſtle, 1 Cor. X. 1. to v. 16. Or for the Epiſtle, Joel II. 11. *The day of the Lord, &c.* to v. 19.

The Goſpel, Matth. XXI. 33. *There was, &c.* to v. 42. Or Matth. VI. 16. to v. 22.

¶ Immediately after the Prayer *For the whole ſtate of Chriſts Church*, ſhall this be uſed.

GLorious, and gracious God; who's Judgments againſt obſtinate Offenders are moſt ſevere, and terrible; but thy Mercies infinite to All, that with hearty Repentance, and true Faith turn unto thee: We ſinful people of this Land do acknowledge before thee, to thy Glory, and our own ſhame, that never any Nation had more Experience of thy Goodneſs; nor yet did ever any more unthankfully abuſe it. When thou gaveſt us great, and long proſperity, we fed our ſelves to the full, waxed fat, and kicked againſt thee. When thou threweſt us into horrid Confuſions, from which we ſaw then little hope of ariſing; even in the time of that diſtreſs did we treſpaſs yet more againſt thee. When by Miracles of Mercy thou hadſt turn'd our Captivities; we ſoon return'd to Folly, to our vomit, and to our wallowing in our former, or greater Filthineſs. Even while thou haſt of late appear'd for us, by diſcovering the Plots and Contrivances of our implacable Enemies of the Romiſh Faction, we have been in the mean time by our ſins fighting againſt Heaven, and againſt thee. And now we are no more worthy to be called either thy ſons, or thy ſervants; whom neither thy Fear hath driven, nor thy Goodneſs led to Repentance. In Mercy awaken our drowſie Conſciences. Soften, and ſubdue our hard hearts into deep contrition. Pardon the many great offences of us thy ſervants, and the crying ſins of the whole Nation. Remove the Evils we now lie under. Avert the

Judgments,

Judgments, which we justly fear, because we most justly deserve. Discover more and more the snares of Death, and Popish Treachery: and let us never fall into the hands of those men, who (mercies are cruel. Unite all our hearts in the profession of the true Religion, which thine own right hand hath planted among us, and in a holy Conversation answerable thereunto. Powr out thy abundant Blessings upon our Gracious King, and his great Council, the present Parliament: Keep him as the Apple of thine Eye; hide him under the shadow of thy wings. Inform his Princes after thy will, and teach his Senators Wisdom: And grant that all their Counsels, Resolutions, and Endeavours may tend to, and end in the Glory of thy great Name, the preservation of thy Church, and true Religion among us, and the security, peace, and prosperity of these Kingdoms: All which we humbly beg in the Name, and through the Mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Evening PRAYER.

Proper Psalms, XXI, XLVI, LVII, CXLIII.

The First Lesson, Isaiah LVIII.

The Second Lesson, Rom. XIII.

¶ Immediately after the Collect [*Lighten our darkness*] shall be read, in this Order, The Collect for *Ash-wednesday*, The three Collects in the Commination, and the Collect for the XXI. Sunday after Trinity.

¶ And after the Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, shall be added that for Deliverance from the Papists our Enemies, and the Prayer [*Glorious and gracious God*, &c.] as they are set down before in the Morning-Service.

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